tax from the property concerned, then steps are taken against other properties of the *thandaper* holder.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether, in the case of arrears of tax on paddy lands, garden lands are attached and sold?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot now give a definite answer.

Drought in Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli.

12. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the paddy cultivation near the backwaters in the Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli taluks has been completely destroyed by the recent (Kanni 1110) drought continuing for over two months?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether this fact was brought to the notice of the Dewan?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, the Dewan received a petition stating these facts and this was investigated and the Division Peishkar has reported that there was no *complete destruction* of paddy cultivation in the area.

MR A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that there was no complete destruction of all paddy crops in the two taluks mentioned or that there was no complete destruction of crops in certain areas?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The question is "whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that the paddy cultivation near the backwaters in the Karunagapalli and Karthigapalli taluks has been completely destroyed". That is not a fact.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it has been partially destroyed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In some parts, crops have failed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is the member in a position to give an idea of the extent of destruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I am not in a position to give definite information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether there has been substantial failure of crops?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*: The Division Peishkar has not reported that there has been *substantial* failure of crops. Of course, there has been failure of crops.

MR K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know from the member whether any report has been called for?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) Yes.

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